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Twenty-five years ago, June 4, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$606,178,000,000, six hundred six billion, one hundred seventy-eight million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,062,603,838,668.70, five trillion, sixty-two billion, six hundred three million, eight hundred thirty-eight thousand, six hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN WALLACE

• Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to one of Nevada's finest ladies, Lillian Wallace. Born in New Haven, CN on June 13, 1911. Lillian attended P.S. 132 and graduated from George Washington High School. In 1941, she joined the Army Medical Corps as a general clerk and was promoted to head of the Medical Supply Division. Having a life long desire to see California, Lillian moved there after the war and met her future husband, Julian. They drove to Las Vegas to wed in 1947 and later became residents of Nevada. Together, they devoted their lives to helping those who needed help, particularly senior citizens. They worked with the Mobile Home Owners League of the Silver State, an organization that fights for the rights of mobile home owners. Lillian also gave her time to Hadassah and the City of Hope Medical Center.

In 1982, she and Julian took a floundering group called Seniors United, and turned it into one of the most formidable seniors advocacy groups in Nevada. Lillian created the Senior Highlights magazine and has been the editor for 17 years. She takes great pride in choosing articles that are of interest and educational to our senior population. She believes in promoting the positive aspects of government and giving government officials a chance to meet with Seniors United members to discuss the issues. Lillian has always believed that education is the key to getting people to respect their government and get involved.

Lillian lost her beloved husband and soulmate last year. Moving forward alone has been one of her greatest challenges in life, but she looks to the future and continues to help seniors in need and work on the expansion of Seniors United. Her contributions to the seniors of the State of Nevada are legendary and the honors she has received are too numerous to mention. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing this grand dame of Nevada a happy 90th birthday.●

WE THE PEOPLE

• Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, We the People . . . The Citizen and Constitution program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. The program provides students with an in-depth, working knowledge of our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. Members of Congress and their staff enhance the program by discussing current constitutional issues with students and teachers, as well as by participating in other educational activities.

The class from Stillwater High School, in Stillwater, MN, took part in the program's national competition here in Washington, D.C., April 21st–23rd, 2001. I would like to thank the students, Lindsay Jasicki, Leah Abbe, Aaron Williamson, Patrick Hueller, Anders Johnson, Stephanie Ebner, Aaron Ulland, Lee Howard, Jessica McGlaufflin, Kyle Ellefson, Jeffrey Morency, Jordan Hild, Rebecca Siemers, Patrick Horst, Blake Rasmussen, and David Hoffman and their teacher, Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, for representing Minnesota at this prestigious event. To reach this level of competition demonstrates a tremendous knowledge of the essential ideals and values of the American constitutional government. My staff and I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck in the future.●

S.C. LIBRARY HONORED

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, It is official. The Richland County Public Library is the best library system in the country. Library Journal magazine and the Gale Group, the Nation's largest publisher of reference works for libraries, recently named the Richland library the National Library of the Year 2001. The library's executive director, C. David Warren, will accept the award on June 18 at a ceremony in San Francisco during the annual conference of the American Library Association. This honor is the latest in a string of honors bestowed on Richland County's system. In 1999, the American Library Association chose the library as the No. 1 large library system in the Southeast and, in 2000, Hennen's American Public Library Ratings ranked it fourth among urban libraries serving populations of 250,000–499,999. It was only a matter of time before it earned top billing nationwide.

Three key factors influenced selection of the Library of the Year: service to the community, creativity in developing community programs and leadership in creating programs that other libraries can emulate. The Richland library shines in each of these areas thanks to the hard work of Mr. Warren,

his staff, the Friends of the Library group, the County Council and voters. In 1989, voters approved a \$27 million bond referendum used to build a striking new main library on Assembly Street and seven new branches. Many Richland County residents already knew they had a gem on their hands, but it sure is nice to have that pride substantiated by such a prestigious honor. I commend the Richland County Public Library for its outstanding service and wish Mr. Warren and his staff the best of luck as they continue to build an exemplary library system.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ALLENHURST FIRE DEPARTMENT

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Allenhurst Fire Department on its 100th Anniversary of dedicated volunteer fire service.

For the last 100 years, with courage and devotion to their fellow neighbors, the volunteers of the Allenhurst Fire Department have valiantly given of themselves to protect the lives and property of the residents of Allenhurst, New Jersey. In doing so, they have taken on a great deal of personal responsibility in promoting the well-being of their community and served as an exemplar of good citizenship.

I would like to extend my best wishes to the volunteers and families of the Allenhurst Fire Department and wish them many more years of fine service to their community.●

HONORING SEAN CONLEY

• Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I would like to honor Sean Conley for his recent victory at the 74th Annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee on May 31st, 2001. Outspelling 248 other master spellers at the national level over three days, Sean sealed his championship by successfully spelling succedaneum.

Sean is from Shakopee, MN, and attends the Minnesota Renaissance School in Anoka, MN. He placed 9th in the 1999 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and 2nd in 2000.

I join with all Minnesotans in celebrating Sean Conley's achievement. We are extremely proud of him.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.